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SUBJECT: W/W JULIUS KRASZNYA

REF: (A) BUDAPEST 4171, (B) BUDAPEST 3972, (C) BUDAPEST 4097

1. ON DECEMBER 14 KRASZNYA REPORTED THAT APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO BORROW FUNDS LOCALLY TO PAY FINE WAS DENIED. INFORMAL EMBASSY INQUIRY TO RELEVANT OFFICE ELICITED INFO THAT UNDER HUNGARIAN LAW WESTERNERS MUST PAY FINES ABOVE FT. 5000 (ABOUT \$250) BY EXCHANGING HARD CURRENCY FOR FORINTS. EMBASSY HAD SUSPECTED THIS TO BE THE CASE, BUT HAD DEFERRED TO KRASZNYA'S REPEATED INSISTENCES THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO PAY FINE BY FUNDS RAISED LOCALLY.

2. KRASZNYA NOW EXHAUSTEDLY AND BITTERLY SEEMS ABOUT RESIGNED TO SERVING TWO MONTHS IN JAIL IN LIEU OF FINE. GIVEN PAST NONRESPONSE TO ITS REQUESTS TO KRASZNYA'S U.S. "FRIENDS" FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT ITS ABILITY TO ASSIST HIM FURTHER IS ABOUT EXHAUSTED. HOWEVER WE HAVE SENT A FINAL DIRECT-RELAY CABLE (REFTEL A) TO A PERSON WHO RELUCTANTLY AND IN HEDGED FASHION PROVIDED KRASZNYA WITH \$200 EARLY IN THE AFFAIR LAST JUNE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) SCS IN ITS DISCRETION MAY WISH TO TELEPHONICALLY SUPPORT REFTTEL A'S FUNDS REQUEST WITH JOSEPH FERRIGNO, WHO KRASZNYA CLAIMS IS HIS LANDLORD OF TEN YEARS. WE DO NOT KNOW FERRIGNO'S TELEPHONE NUMBER. FERRIGNO CAN BE ASSURED THAT KRASZNYA'S REQUEST TO HIM IS "IN EXTREMIS." (B) ADDITIONALLY SCS MAY CONSIDER TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTING DR. ISTVAN SZABO (REFTEL B, UNANSWERED TO DATE) AT (215) PI4-1420 TO TRY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR KRASZNYA FROM AMONG UNCLASSIFIED

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